Statement-III

Enforcement of minimum wages in the Central Sphere during 2002-2003

Sl.No.		2002-2003
1.	No. of Inspections made	18444
2.	No. of irregularties detected	225777
3.	No. of claim cases pending	5927
4.	No. of claim cases filed during the year	2839
5.	No. of claim cases decided	3019
6.	No. of prosecution cases pending	49975
7.	No. of prosecutions filed	7002
8.	Prosecution cases decided	5102
9.	Amount of compensation Awarded	21371712
10.	Total amount of fine imposed (in Rs.)	2152700
11.	Amount Recovered (in Rs.)	8368304

Vocational Training Project, Phase-II

1806. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the state Government of Karnataka has submitted a proposal for formulation of Vocational Training Project Phase-II through the World Bank assistance; and

(b) if so, the details and the present status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal for the State of Karnataka includes development of 14 existing ITIs as Centres of Excellence, development and modernisation of 3 existing Women ITIs, setting up of 4 Instructor Training Wings and 5 Vocational Training Wings for persons with disabilities in existing ITIs

and establishment of planning and management units in State Headquarters for implementation of the scheme.

The Planning Commission has given "in principle" clearance to this Ministry for negotiating with the World Bank through the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance.

Investment of P.F. in mutual funds

1807. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to invest P.F. accumulations in mutual funds; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA): (a) and (b) The Government has notified the investment pattern under Para 52 of Employees' Provident Fund Scheme, 1952, on 09.07.2003 according to which incremental accretions belonging to Provident Fund can be invested in units of such mutual funds which have been set up as dedicated funds for investment in Government securities and which have been approved by the Securities and Exchange Board of India.

Unused E.P.F.

†1808. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a huge amount of Employees' Provident Fund is lying unused due to being disputed;

(b) if so, the amount lying unused due to being disputed till September, 2003;

(c) the total deposit in the said fund till September, 2003; and

(d) the average annual amount deposited in the fund during the last three years?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.